what's happening in KOREA?

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KENNETH SHADRICK left Skin Fork, W. Va., to get away from the coal mines in which his family had labored away their lives. Two years later he was dead, killed at the age of 19, buried in a graveyard near Sojong, Korea.

When Ken was 17 he told his people he wanted "to see some of the world" beyond the West Virginia mountains. So, with permission of his parents, he enlisted. Two months later he was sweating it out in MacArthur's army in Japan.

Ken didn't know much about Korea; maybe he didn't even know that the Korean people were demanding the independence and unity of their country. He may not have known that the regime in South Korea was imprisoning and torturing men trying to organize unions, miner's unions too.

Ken certainly would have been against such oppression. For the miners of West Virginia are good union men, militant union men.

But Ken and his buddies in the 24th Division were ordered to Korea. He was ordered to shoot Koreans and Ken obeyed.

So Ken, the blue-eyed lad who joined the army to see the world, is dead now, buried in a rain-soaked grave in Korea, mourned by his folks in West Virginia.

Ken, like hundreds of other American boys who have already died in Korea, were told by President Truman that they were going to Korea to protect America, to save the peace, to resist aggression, to obey the United Nations.

Did the Korean people, 6,000 miles from America, attack the United States? Truman couldn't sell that to the American people. So he said American boys must die because North Korea, according to him, attacked South Korea.

Did Truman really establish that fact? Was it just an accident that John Foster Dulles, special adviser to Truman, was inspecting South Korean front-line defenses five days before the shooting began? Why didn't Truman let the U.N. give the North Korean Republic a chance to present its side of the

story—a procedure which is elementary in any court of law?

Americans must know the answers to these questions. So that we, our children and hundreds of millions of people throughout the world may fight for peace and not for death.

☆☆☆ WHO WAS THE AGGRESSOR?

War broke out in Korea early on June 25.

Immediately the Syngman Rhee regime of South Korea charged that it had been attacked without provocation. The U.N. Korea Commission thereupon wired U.N. Headquarters:

"Government of Republic of Korea states that about 04:00 hours, 25 June, attacks were launched in strength by Northern Korean forces . . . Pyongyang radio allegation at 13:35 hrs. of South Korea invasion across Parallel during night *declared entirely false by President and Foreign Minister.*"

The U.N. Commission simply accepted Syngham Rhee's word for it and acted as a messenger boy for him.

And who heads that part of the U.N. Commission (part of it is in Japan) which is in South Korea?

Yu-Wan-Liu, representative of Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang.

I. F. Stone, who endorsed Truman's intervention in Korea, was nevertheless forced to admit in the *Compass* (June 27):

"Syngman Rhee, like Chiang Kai-shek, represents politically bankrupt elements whose only hope is a new world war. He said last October that his troops were ready to invade and conquer North Korea but were being held back by American advisers. I wouldn't put it past him to provoke trouble while he still has a chance, and especially before the Chinese Communists are seated by the Security Council."

Every delegation that has visited South Korea, every journalist and correspondent has shown the corruptness and the brutality of the Rhee regime; that it was hated and feared and despised by the Korean people.

Yet none of these facts was given even a moment's consideration by Truman or by the U.N. before declaring North Korea an aggressor.

WHY?

On June 26, Homer Bigart, *New York Herald Tribune* correspondent, wrote from Washington:

"It may now be revealed that two weeks ago (South) Korean Ambassador John Myun Chang warned high officials of the State Department that his country was on the verge of internal collapse."

"As a result of this plea," Bigart said, Dulles went to Korea.

You may remember the record of this man Dulles.

On October 10, 1944, Senator Claude Pepper said of him:

"One of Mr. Dulles' connection which I believe the American people are especially entitled to know is his relationship to the banking circles that rescued Adolph Hitler from his financial depths and set up his Nazi party as a going concern."

This is the Mr. Dulles, Wall Street's key representative in the Administration, who visted Korea just a few days prior to the opening of hostilities.

Five days later war broke out.

Why is there bloodshed in Korea today? Because the Syngman Rhee clique in Seoul *warned Washington that it could no longer stay in power without outside military aid.* That is the crucial fact in the entire situation.

☆☆☆ ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE

Why was Rhee's South Korean regime "on the verge of internal collapse"?

To answer this question one must understand something of the history of Korea.

For more than 40 years, Japanese militarists had held Korea, a nation of close to 30 million people, in bondage. Under Japanese rule, states Robert T. Oliver in his book, *Korea—Forgotten Nation* (published in Washington in 1944), the Korean people

"have no security in their homes, in their persons, and in their livelihoods. They cannot decide for themselves how they will live or think or act. They know that hard as they may work . . . whatever they may accumulate above mere

sustenance will be taken from them. . . . The people are commanded to adopt Japanese customs, speak the Japanese language, and think none but Japanese thoughts."

Japan's surrender in August, 1945, was the signal for the Koreans that their longed-for liberation had finally come. Before the Americans arrived, all over Korea People's Committees sprang up. These committees elected a thousand delegates, representing all political tendencies in Korea except the pro-Japanese, and met in Seoul on September 6 and set up a provisional "People's Republic." They called for land to those who till it, the confiscation of the property of the Japanese and their collaborators, civil liberties, the equality of women, progressive labor legislation, an end of child labor and the wiping out of illiteracy.

On September 7, when the U.S. command ship bearing Lieut. General John R. Hodge arrived, two representatives of the People's Republic came aboard. They bore a letter offering the co-operation of the new People's Republic to General Hodge. He ignored the letter and its bearers, preferring to deal with the Japanese.

Reviewing the events in the American zone of Korea after General Hodge's arrival, William L. Shirer wrote in the *New York Herald Tribune* for September 16, 1945:

"The American Army arrives there to liberate an ancient people from the Japanese, and the commander of our army does his best to insult the people and prolong their slavery to a hated enemy. The remarks, in fact, of General Hodge, as quoted by Homer Bigart and other correspondents last week, are unbelievable. He has nothing but praise for the Japanese overlords, whose savagery in Korea is renowned, and nothing but blame for the Koreans.

"When Japanese gendarmes fire on a crowd of Koreans welcoming the Americans, General Hodge emphasizes that he has 'ordered civilians away because they would hinder the landing operation.' He finds that the 'Korean police are not as effective as the Japanese.' They are, he says, 'too excited.' It never occurs to the general, apparently, that any patriot worthy of the name might get a little excited at the libera-

tion of his country after 35 years under a savage foreign yoke. Yet, for this American general, the Koreans 'are the same breed as the Japanese.' [The phrase quoted by correspondents was "the same breed of cats."] And he winds up with a pretty threat to them: 'They had better get busy with their homework, or I'll crack some heads together.'"

☆☆☆ REIGN OF TERROR

On July 21, the State Department declared in its *White Paper* on Korea:

"The surprise attack launched against the Republic of Korea . . . was directed against a peaceful people ruled by an independent government of its own choosing. . . ."

What a travesty and distortion of fact the State Department is trying to put over on the American people!

FACTS . . . reported over and over in every major American newspaper give the lie to the State Department's *White Paper.*

It is a fact that the people of South Korea have been waging guerrilla warfare against this corrupt and hated Rhee regime since 1947. Resistance of the people to this regime was so great from the very beginning that even the *Herald Tribune* was forced to admit editorially (October 1, 1947) that American officials were rapidly losing popularity and matters were "now so bad that left-wing groups might win a completely honest election in Korea as a whole."

It is a fact that the "elections" which the State Department forced on the South Koreans under the guidance of its hand-picked U.N. Commission in 1948 were one of the biggest frauds ever perpetrated on a people. Said Maxwell Stewart in *The Nation* on May 22, 1948:

"The police permitted lawlessness and terrorism on the part of extreme rightist organizations, particularly Syngman Rhee's semi-fascist Youth Corps, while cracking down violently on all labor and peasant demonstrations. . . .

"When the head of the U.N. Commission protested to the American authorities that voters were being searched before they were permitted to cast their ballots, he was told that

this was a necessary precaution. Guards stood fifty paces from the entrances to the polling places with bayonets unsheathed. Instead of suppressing Rhee's Youth Corps for its acts of terrorism, the American military authorities used 25,000 of its adherents, armed with baseball bats and lead-tipped clubs, to aid in supervising the elections. . . . The U.N. Commission will only be doing its duty if it rules the elections invalid."

It is a fact that this Syngman Rhee and his pals who were thrust upon the Korean people by the American government are among the most corrupt and reactionary crews to be found anywhere. Even American military leaders admitted this!

James O'Connor Sargent, staff historical officer for General Hodge, said of Rhee that "politically he stands somewhere between Chiang Kai-shek and the late Benito Mussolini."

On May 5, 1948, Allan Raymond reported to the *Herald Tribune* that "South Korea is obviously in the hands of Rightist groups bent on rule as arbitrary as that of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Spain."

On March 6, 1950, Walter Sullivan wrote in the *New York Times*:

"Large sections of South Korea are darkened today by a cloud of terror that is probably unparalleled in the world."

It is a fact that on October 29, 1949, the South Korean minister of war told a press conference that his regime was ready to launch an attack against the north.

"Sihn Sung Mo, South Korean Defense Minister, said today that his army is ready and waiting to invade Communist North Korea but has been restrained by American officials. . . . 'If we had our own way we would, I'm sure, have started up already,' he told a press conference. 'But we had to wait until they (American leaders) are ready. They keep telling us "no, no, no, wait. You are not ready."'" (*Herald Tribune*, November 1, 1949.)

It is a fact that in May, 1950, despite terrorism and murder, the Rhee regime was decisively repudiated at the polls. Out of 210 seats, Rhee won only 48. The voters, reported the *New York Times* on June 1, supported "those whom the

police had persecuted, regardless of their political principles." Rhee, nevertheless, remained "president."

Rhee's clique did not now have a majority even in its "own" Assembly. Even right-wingers were joining in the demand for a united Korea.

These were the circumstances which led Rhee to warn "high officials of the State Department that his country was on the verge of collapse."

To save this Wall Street-backed corrupt regime, American boys are being sent to die in Korea.

☆☆☆ IT HAPPENED IN KOREA

It happened in Korea. But—imagine it happened to America . . . and you. Your homeland had been a conquered province for 40 years. Then, liberation comes but, instead of the restoration of their property to the people, the new conqueror grabs it.

It happened in Korea. That is, it happened in *South* Korea. The people of the *North* didn't let it happen.

A Japanese monopoly owned the mines and the banks and at least 50 per cent of the farm lands during the Mikado's reign as conqueror of Korea. This Japanese firm, the Oriental Development Co., was worth $1,250,000,000.

Then came 1945. The Soviet Union had broken the back of Hitler's army in Europe and had joined in the defeat of the Japanese fascists in the Pacific.

U.S. troops entered Korea.

The American occupation changed the name, but kept the game. The Oriental Development Company became the New Korea Company. But the company was kept intact, and its stock was taken over by the American Military Government.

Soon afterward, the J. P. Morgan bank, the National City Bank of New York, was named "fiscal agent" for the New Korea Company. That meant Morgan controlled distribution of the company's bonds, manipulated Korea's wealth.

Another lucrative Korean enterprise was also grabbed by Wall Streeters in the wake of the Japanese defeat. For 40 years, the Oriental Consolidated Mining Co. had drained off

the wealth of the Unsan gold mines in North Korea—and the Korean gold mines were the richest in Asia.

From 1939, a large share of the company was held by Japanese financiers. But in 1946, the U.S. Army brass eased American financiers in. Wall Streeters took over the company and paid $1,000,000 to the South Korean government of Syngman Rhee, in return for which Rhee named the American Samuel H. Dolbear as his "mining adviser." The $1,000,000, according to the conservative Korean publicist Kilsoo K. Haan, was given by the U.S.-owned Oriental Consolidated Mining Company.

Rhee promptly announced that all mining rights in Korea would henceforth belong to Oriental Consolidated. There was just one hitch. Korea had been divided into two occupation zones after the defeat of Japan. North of the 38th Parallel, the Soviet zone, south, the U.S. zone. In South Korea, under Rhee and the A.M.G., the land was not divided among the people, the industries once stolen by the Japanese were merely handed over to new masters in Wall Street.

But in North Korea, the land was divided, industries were nationalized. And Rhee's gift of "all" Korea's mines to Wall Street bankers was not binding on the Korean People's Democratic Republic which thrived north of the 38th Parallel.

In South Korea, the situation was different. An American firm was given the tungsten ore deposits in Sangdong, one of the world's major sources of that valuable ore. Thomas Bourne Associates of Washington, D. C., grabbed the operation and maintenance of the Kimpo Airport, near Seoul, the South Korean capital. The Korean Oil Storage Co., a New York firm for all its "local" title, was given South Korean oil to exploit.

Gilbert Associates, of Reading, Pa., was handed electric power stations. That's how it was in South Korea. And the Wall Street wolves were incensed that the people in North Korea, with all that gold, those humming factories and railroads, were keeping half of Korea's wealth from the land's new conquerors.

"A land ripe for the picking, a people fit only to be slaves

of the superior lords from the West." That's how Wall Street thought and thinks still, about Korea. "Many people overlook one of Korea's greatest assets. It has the cheapest labor forces in the world. If I have anything to say about it, it's going to stay that way."

So says Harold Lady, American "economic adviser" to Syngman Rhee. Unfortunately for Mr. Lady and his Wall Street friends, the "cheap labor" of South Korea has had its fill of the torturers and Japanese Quislings who ruled them.

As long as the democratic republic north of the 38th parallel existed as a beacon light to the restive millions under the Rhee-Wall Street feudal tyranny, the Morgan mortgage on Korea was uncertain. Thus it was a "sound investment" to order the Rhee invasion of North Korea and then to follow up with Harry Truman's "police action."

☆☆☆ HIDING BEHIND THE U.N.

> *After action by the Security Council, the United States considered methods of aiding the Republic of Korea under the terms of the Security Council's resolution.*
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> State Department *White Paper*

Again and again Truman tries to hide behind the United Nations and to proclaim his intervention as a "police action" in support of the U.N.

But the facts show that Truman ordered bombers to Korea five hours before he even asked the U.N. to O.K. it.

When the Security Council met on Sunday, June 25, it did not call for military sanctions or military intervention. It was only on June 27 that such a resolution was passed. But Truman had already ordered American armed forces to Korea the day before, on June 26.

Thus, it was not the Security Council that decided this action. The Security Council acted as a yes man for Truman and Dulles, acted, in fact, as a branch of our State Department.

Here is one of the most sinister and shameful paradoxes

of our time. The United Nations, which was designed to end war, is being used to promote war.

The world is told that General MacArthur's forces are being flung into action against the common people of Korea because the peace-loving members of the United Nations, exercising their legal right under the Charter, sent them there.

This is a barefaced lie, and not a specially smart one at that. Consider two points.

Point 1: The five permanent members of the Security Council are Britain, France, China, the Soviet Union and the United States. Since her liberation, the Western powers have prevented China's representative from taking his place in the Council.

Meanwhile the spokesman of the defeated Kuomintang and Chiang Kai-shek—a "government" without a country—sits in the Council.

The Soviet Union, since January, had refused to take part in the meetings of the Security Council on the grounds that Chiang Kai-shek's representative had no legal right to be there. This was more than an expression of support for people's China. It was a defense of the basic principles of national representation upon which the U.N. was built.

Thus, in its deliberations, the Security Council acted in the absence of China and the Soviet Union—two of its permanent members.

Point II: On Sunday, June 25, the Council adopted an American resolution charging the North Koreans with starting the war and called for an immediate cease-fire. They had no evidence for the charge and no legal right to make the call.

On Tuesday, June 27, the Council accepted a further American resolution calling for armed assistance for the puppet government in South Korea.

Again they were acting illegally. Let us see why. The Sunday resolution was based on Chapter 6 of the Charter, dealing with the peaceful settlement of disputes. The decision on Tuesday "legalizing" Truman's war in Korea, was based on Chapter 7, covering "Action with respect to threats to the peace, breaches of the peace and acts of aggression."

So far, so good.

But we find on referring back to Article 27, that any decision taken under either Chapter 6 or Chapter 7, the concurring vote of all five permanent members of the Security Council must be obtained.

And should anyone imagine that the United States does not accept this interpretation, it is worth recalling what John Foster Dulles said about it in Paris, in September, 1948.

"There cannot be action under Chapter 7," said Mr. Dulles, "unless at least all five of the permanent members concur."

Thus, any decision taken by the Security Council on the Korean dispute is not worth the paper it is written on.

But the hypocrisy does not cease there. Both the American and British delegates declared that the refusal of North Korea to pay any attention to the Security Council's resolution was an "unparalleled affront" to the U.N.

These delegates have a very short memory. They seem to forget that the history of the United Nations is packed with examples of the United States, Britain and other associated powers ignoring the *legal* decisions of the organization.

Take the case of South Africa, a country which has been thumbing its nose at the United Nations for three years, and has now delivered it a kick in the teeth by swallowing up the territory of South-West Africa despite instructions from the U.N. that the territory be placed under a trusteeship under U.N. supervision.

Dr. Malan and his fascist gang that now rules South Africa have, of course, urgent reasons for wanting complete control, with no questions asked by outsiders. They want to be able to control through enforced slave labor the 330,000 Africans who reside in the territory.

The treatment of the African people in this territory by South Africa is one of the most horrifying tales, one of the most brutal stories of the exploitation of man by man. Herded into cattle-cars by the police, they are taken to plantations, their families separated from them, and forced to work from 12 to 14 hours a day on a wage that is hardly enough to buy a single meal.

The South Africa which treats human beings in this manner is one of the "free" nations which hastened to support the so-called Security Council resolution endorsing Truman's aggression in Korea.

Was not the refusal of the Union of South Africa to apply a U.N. decision on South-West Africa an unparalleled affront?

Was not the British refusal to permit the U.N. mission to operate in Palestine in 1948 an unparalleled affront?

Further, it is instructive to compare the haste with which the American majority in the Council has acted over Korea, with the snail-pace of its actions where *genuine* threats to the peace have existed in the past.

For weeks the Soviet Union tried to get action under Chapter 7 to stop the British-backed Arab war against Israel in 1948.

No one budged an inch.

For years the Soviet Union tried to bring an end of the fighting in Greece, in Indonesia, in Kashmir. Always their resolutions got bogged down in a mountain of "legality" and procedural dodges.

Suddenly the Council moves swiftly and claims to be working on the recommendations of the so-called U.N. Commission in Korea, headed by a Chiang Kai-shek man.

Thus, the argument that all the bombing and shooting in Korea is being done by permission of the United Nations falls apart as soon as it is seriously examined.

Dragging the United Nations into this adventure, places that organization in the greatest danger. Indeed, it was precisely in order to avoid the United Nations being used to serve the ambitions of one power or a group of powers that the safeguards of Big-Five unanimity were written into the Charter.

It was President Roosevelt who insisted on such safeguards. But that principle has been violated by Truman and Dulles.

And the violation of that policy, if continued, can only mean the total destruction of the United Nations and the headlong rush to World War III and atomic warfare.

☆☆☆ WHO'S DOING THE FIGHTING?

For folks who haven't bothered examining the difference between imperialism and rheumatism, the press has a standard gimmick to explain everything—*the Russians are aggressors!*

For a nickel or even less you can buy at least one paper a day which offers a "Timetable of Russian Aggression."

They say—if we let them take Korea now it will be Formosa next.

In the New York *Herald Tribune* (July 19), Fitzhugh Turner gives his version of the "Timetable." It includes: Formosa, Indo-China, Burma, Malaya, Hong Kong.

On January 5, 1950, Truman recognized that Formosa was as much a part of China as Long Island is part of the United States. At that time, Truman declared that the U.S. "will not provide military aid or advice to Chinese forces on Formosa."

Discussing the President's statement, Acheson told a press conference later that day:

"The Chinese have administered Formosa for four years. Neither the U.S. nor any other ally ever questioned the authority of that occupation."

When Senator Robert A. Taft urged naval aid to Chiang on Formosa, Senator Tom Connally answered for the Administration:

"No, Mr. President," said Connally on January 9, "I shall not favor sending a single American boy with a gun in his hands to Formosa to settle a Civil War six or seven thousand miles away from his home.

"I want the Senators who are so violent in their views . . . to tell the parents of these boys how many American boys they would send to Formosa to bleed and to die and to be buried in jungle soil."

Who has Formosa now? Have the Russians grabbed it? It's the U.S. 7th Fleet that has taken over Formosa.

Truman tries to alibi his action as a "security" measure. If that is so, why didn't Truman even ask the U.N. to sanction his seizure?

And if the Chinese People's Democratic Republic should dare to try to get Formosa back, Truman will undoubtedly shout "Communist aggression."

What a hideous lie the Americans are asked to swallow.

We are saving the peace, says Truman. From whom? The wicked Russians!

But who is fighting in the world?

In Malaya—the British, *not one Russian.*

In Viet Nam—the French, *not one Russian.*

In Korea—the Americans, *not one Russian.*

In every one of these countries it is the crusaders for Anglo-Saxon "Western" civilization who have brought flame throwers and rocket guns and jet aircraft many thousands of miles from their own frontiers, to protect "investments" and "strategic" interests and systems of slave labor against citizens defending their own homes.

In every one of these countries, in Formosa, Korea, the Philippines, Truman and Dulles are operating to preserve governments hated and repudiated by their own peoples; governments, whom nobody outside a lunatic asylum even pretends are anything but vicious and corrupt, installed by foreign bayonets and maintained by large-scale massacre, torture and imprisonment.

And all this in the name of the fight against Communism!

Walter Lippmann, *Herald Tribune* writer, notes in alarm, that NO RUSSIANS ARE FIGHTING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. (June 29.) He sees that only Americans, French, Dutch and British are fighting against the colored peoples in Asia and Africa.

This is the truth! In the so-called "war against Russia" there is not a single Russian soldier engaged anywhere. The "Russians" are the hundreds of millions of peoples throughout Asia who refuse to be colonial slaves any longer, who refuse to give of their sweat, tears and blood so that Wall Street might make vast profits.

The decision to hurl American boys into war against all of Asia comes from the desperate realization by Truman and

Dulles, and their Wall Street masters, that they are losing the people of Asia forever.

They dread the fact that they are losing the cheap colonial labor of the colored peoples in the colonial empires.

Sure, the Soviet Union has inspired the peoples of the colonies. To the people of Asia and Africa and the colonial world as a whole, Stalin is as well-known as George Washington is known to Americans. Stalin is the man who made the classic statement in 1927:

"Formerly it was the 'accepted idea' that from time immemorial the world has been divided into inferior and superior races, into blacks and whites; that the former are incapable of assimilating civilization and are doomed to be objects of exploitation, and that the latter are the only exponents of civilization, whose mission is to exploit the former. Now this legend must be regarded as shattered to pieces and rejected."

How was it shattered? In the Soviet Union, formerly oppressed, undeveloped nations, like the Uzbeks, the Kazakhs, the Kirghiz and many other colored peoples who had been tyrannized by the tsars, won freedom and equality under the Soviet government.

The Asian people saw what the Soviet government did in Soviet Asia. The illiterate, starving people of Iran, deprived of land and bread can look across the border to Soviet Azerbaijan. What do they see? Land for the peasants, work for the workers under the best trade-union conditions, education for all, illiteracy wiped out.

And furthermore, the legend of "white supremacy" was shattered by the rising national anti-imperialist movement in China and throughout the colonial world, led by workers—and their Communist Parties.

The colonial peoples will no longer "peacefully" accept their status as oppressed nations simply because Wall Street desires it.

The ugly racism of the MacArthur-Dulles-Truman war against the Koreans reeks in every word they utter. It is the echo of the "white supremacy" tyranny over the Negro people here at home.

"I have handled Orientals for 50 years," brags General MacArthur in exactly the same tones used by a British slavemaster in Africa or a Ku Kluxer in Mississippi.

These are but some of the items in the blood-soaked book of the "white supremacy" colonial system which has kept Asia and Africa in chains for centuries. Anyone can give hundreds of such items.

The fact is that the four powers now waging war in Asia—Britain, Holland, France and the U.S.A.—are the colonial imperialists of the world. A top handful of bankers and investors in London, Wall Street, Paris and Holland exploit the mines, railroads and plantations of Asia and Africa. They are the biggest masters of slave labor in the world. They have but one aim—to keep the colored peoples of the world as cheap semi-slave labor.

The wars against the Asian and African peoples are nothing but a gigantic "Operation Ku Klux Klan." It is of a piece with the Jim-Crow system here. It is waged by the same people who impose "white supremacy" here.

All of Asia and Africa know this by now. Is there any doubt of what would happen if the colored peoples of Africa were not kept down every hour of the day and night by bloodhounds, guns, whips and cannon? The world would then see the liberation of China repeated on a continental scale.

Will Americans relish the role of the strangler of other people's national freedom, thousands of miles from our shores?

☆☆☆ TAKEN BY SURPRISE

But, how could Rhee have possibly been the aggressor when it was he that was so completely caught by surprise and it was the North Koreans that were so well prepared?

That's the theme song columnists, commentators and official government spokesmen are constantly harping away at. Sounds pretty logical, too. That is until one gets down to the facts.

Take just four facts.

1. On August 24, 1948, General Hodge signed a formal pact with Rhee for continued American training of South Korean armed forces. Thus, despite the withdrawal of American troops from South Korea by June, 1949, 500 U.S. military advisers remained to help train the South Korean Army.

2. Brigadier General William L. Roberts, head of this group, described the South Korean army (*New York Times*, June 26, 1950) "as the best fighting forces on the Asiatic continent."

3. On June 13, barely two weeks before the outbreak of hostilities, E.C.A. deputy administrator William C. Foster testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee that conditions in South Korea had never been more favorable, that "a rigorous training program has built up a well disciplined army of 100,000 soldiers . . . prepared to meet any challenge by North Korean forces. . . ."

4. When American forces withdrew, 110 million dollars of equipment was turned over to the Syngman Rhee government, and the millions of dollars allocated for aid to Korea went for preparations for war.

What happened to all this "hardware"?

What happened to this "well disciplined" army?

Why did the United Press report time and again that the "South Korean" armies are "melting away"?

The answer is not difficult to find—that is for those who are honestly seeking answers.

THE SOUTH KOREANS ARE REFUSING TO FIGHT THEIR BROTHERS. THEY ARE "MELTING AWAY" BECAUSE THEY ARE JOINING THE LIBERATION ARMIES OF THEIR FELLOW-KOREANS.

On July 1, the *Herald Tribune* noted that on the Eastern front the South Koreans literally refuse to fight. Is that because these Koreans are cowards? Exactly the opposite is true. They are refusing to act as hired Hessians against their Korean brothers for the sake of a foreign invader.

The Dulles-style fomenters of war in Asia have definitely been taken by surprise. But not because of aggression from North Koreans.

They have been taken by surprise because *all* Koreans, north

and south of the artificial dividing line, are fighting for their freedom.

Dulles and Truman cannot understand this.

But the American people, nurtured on the traditions of a Thomas Jefferson, who again and again proclaimed the people's right to national independence against foreign invaders and "investors," should be able to understand.

☆☆☆ THOU SHALT NOT THINK

There are some who try to drug themselves with the dope that another war will have its "good side," that it will boost jobs. These people will have a rude awakening! Sure, it is true that in World War I and II, our country was spared the heavy sacrifices. The battlefield was far away. The profits rolled in while we were the safe and secure "arsenal."

But this time it's going to be *very, very different.* For what has been revealed by Truman and Dulles is a step-by-step schedule for pushing our country into a war against all Asia, which, if not curbed and halted, can rapidly engulf the world in atomic slaughter.

This atomic slaughter would not spare any nation. It would not spare our America, either.

The effect of this atom-bomb mentality is already being felt on the home front. In Washington, officials boast openly that they have finished the M-Day plans for the draft of all labor. Now they boast that they will slash all wages 20 per cent "to fight inflation." Now, they will let the generals order the speed-up in the factories.

Already Washington is moving toward outlawing strikes, freezing wages.

Meat prices, already the highest in the country's history, have just taken another jump from one to six cents a pound. Bread has gone up. Coffee climbed two to four cents a pound. Increases are already reported on sugar, gasoline, potatoes and other items that figure in a family's cost of living.

For John Foster Dulles and his Wall Street buddies, the

Korean war is a new spur for robbing the people, for superprofits.

For ordinary people, for workers and housewives, the invasion of Asia means new taxes, heavier work-loads. And recent events have proven that any criticism or resistance by labor will be considered "sabotage."

Only recently President Truman urged all citizens to become stool-pigeons and political informers against their neighbors and shopmates. The push for a fascist Mundt Bill has become an imminent danger. Free speech is being wiped out in the name of Korea.

Take a look at what is happening.

Harry Bridges' bail was cancelled and he was rushed off to prison. The Judge said he was a danger to the U.S.A. How come? Because Bridges said he doesn't like the war against Korea. That's dangerous.

The passport of the great Negro leader Paul Robeson was cancelled. He can't leave the U.S.A. Why? Because Robeson doesn't like the war against the colored peoples of Asia.

For the same reason, the New York Court of Appeals, with unseemly haste, rushed through its astounding decision against eleven leaders of the Communist Party—that they must go to jail within ten days "because of the Korean situation."

The decision is based on the same "logic" as the rush jailing of Bridges, the trade-union leader. *This "logic" is that the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is a dead letter insofar as any discussion of peace is concerned.*

Thus the deadly logic of police state emerges. The Korean people want to unify their country—therefore, American trade-union leaders are going to jail; *therefore,* American Marxists advocating peace and Socialism are going to jail; *therefore,* the Bill of Rights is being junked as a dead letter by courts adapting their decisions to the plan for world war.

But if American Communists cannot advocate their views on peace and Socialism, then it becomes impossible for any citizen to advocate any views whatsoever except the official views on any subject.

Americans *must* believe what John Foster Dulles tells them

or suffer the consequences. It is a calculated warning to every American that he must "keep his mouth shut" while his country is stampeded on a wave of lies into an abyss of suffering, misery and atomic death.

☆☆☆ YOUR PATRIOTIC DUTY

This is the way it started in Germany, wasn't it?

If you didn't like the Fuehrer, you were attacked in the streets by "patriotic Germans" yelling Heil Hitler.

Then, came the judges who sternly jailed everyone seized for distributing "subversive leaflets." Also, in the name of "patriotism."

Then, came the concentration camps.

And—10 years later—came the smashing of German cities, and the piling up of huge mountains of German dead along the Eastern Front after Stalingrad.

Yes, that's how it was in Germany. From the jailing of decent German patriots who wanted peace to the disasters which hit Germany took only ten years.

How many Germans said to themselves, "I will keep out of trouble and not open my mouth against the Nazis." Then these "prudent" Germans were herded into uniforms to be slaughtered like cattle several years later. Their false "prudence" betrayed their country and delivered them into the hands of their own executioners.

For the American people the lessons are plain. American lives are being sacrificed by ruthless men who say NO, NO, NO to any and all proposals to mediate, conciliate or even talk about peace in Korea.

The wealthy criminals of the munitions trust are desperate men. They fear peace as they fear the plague. To them peace means economic crisis on a vast and catastrophic scale. Where will they get their fat war contracts if they can't keep the war fires burning?

But the atom bomb throwers cannot do as they please any more in this world.

Already the peace camp compelled President Truman to

say that he is not now considering an atomic massacre of Korean men, women and children.

This is a moral triumph for the Stockholm peace movement.

More than 200,000,000 persons have already signed the Stockholm Peace petition. These included many millions of workers, peasants, Catholic bishops and priests, churchmen, statesmen, writers, painters, scientists, conservative members of parliament, businessmen, Mayors of large cities in France and Italy, etc., etc.

The entire Soviet government has signed.

Millions of Americans will sign it too. They don't want their children to be wiped out in atomic massacres. One and one-quarter million have already signed.

Americans must demand the admission of the People's Republic of China to the U.N. The Security Council must work for peace in Korea and not act as a cover for aggression.

Korea for the Korean people is a principle which every American should cherish just as we cherish America for the American people and not for Wall Street.

Love of America means defense of the lives of American boys. It demands withdrawal of U.S. troops from Korea.

Wall Street's ambitions in Asia are not worth the life of a single American.

Outlaw the A-bomb as a weapon of mass destruction by ALL governments.

Peace is an American interest!

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